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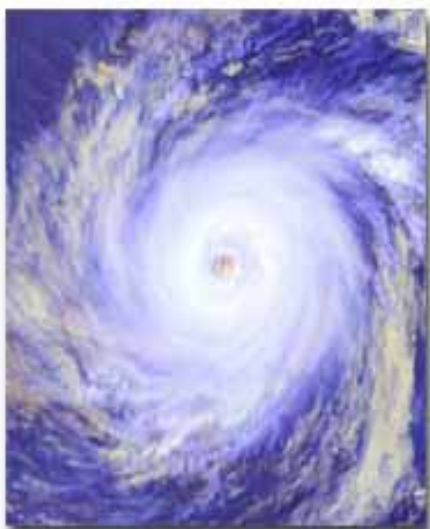
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**Bob Meeker, CFM**  
**Juanita Fowler, CFM**  
**&**  
**David Hiegel, CFM**

were each presented the  
“Certificate of Appreciation”  
at the 2007 Annual LFMA Conference.

This certificate is given to a person with outstanding  
qualities in the field of floodplain management.  
We thank them for their dedication and service  
to the citizens of Louisiana!



## 2007 Hurricane Names

<b>Andrea</b>	<b>Humberto</b>	<b>Olga</b>
<b>Barry</b>	<b>Ingrid</b>	<b>Pablo</b>
<b>Chantal</b>	<b>Jerry</b>	<b>Rebekah</b>
<b>Dean</b>	<b>Karen</b>	<b>Sebastien</b>
<b>Erin</b>	<b>Lorenzo</b>	<b>Tanya</b>
<b>Felix</b>	<b>Melissa</b>	<b>Van</b>
<b>Gabrielle</b>	<b>Noel</b>	<b>Wendy</b>



The 2007 hurricane season starts in a couple of weeks, and forecasters say this hurricane season could be nearly as destructive as 2005, the worst on record. FEMA is reminding everyone to begin their emergency preparations now.

[www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu\\_season.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu_season.shtm)

### ◆◆ BIENNIAL REPORTS ◆◆

#### HAVE BEEN SENT TO LOUISIANA NFIP COMMUNITIES

Every two years, participating communities must complete a form that describes the community's progress over the past two years in implementing floodplain management measures (44 CFR 59.22).

It can be completed using the paper copy or filled out over the Internet on DHS/FEMA's website.

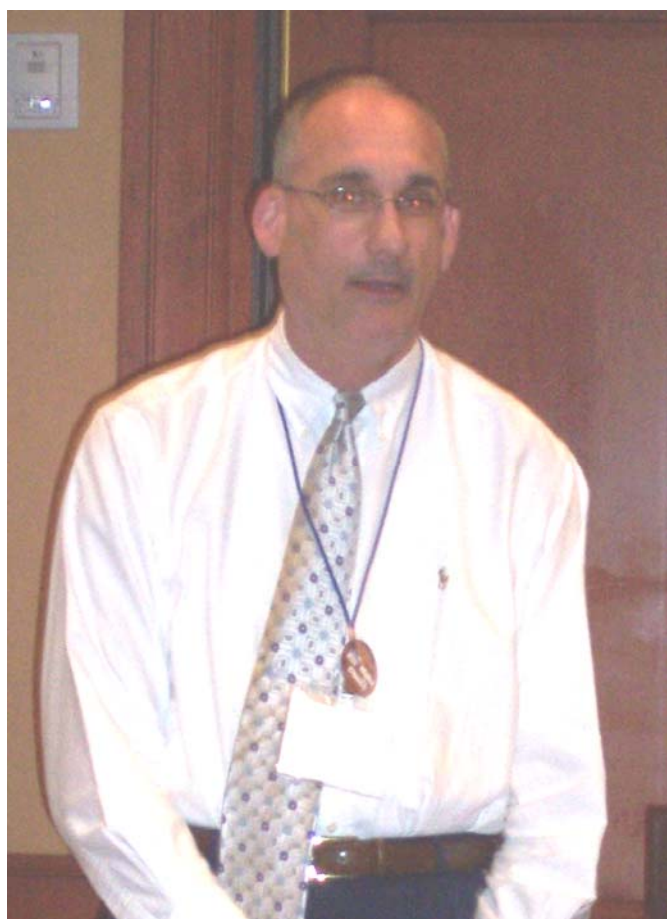
DHS/FEMA sends the one-page form to the community's chief elected official. It must be completed and returned to DHS/FEMA within 45 days. The only way the biennial report can be completed is to have complete and accessible permit records. The floodplain administrator must keep track of:

- Changes in community boundaries
- Physical or topographical changes that affect flood hazard areas
- New flood or watershed studies
- Amendments to the flood damage prevention ordinance
- The number of building permits issued in the floodplain
- The number of variances issued

The administrator also must be able to tell DHS/FEMA:

- The number of people and number of buildings in the floodplain. While these numbers can be approximate, accurate figures will greatly help DHS/FEMA and its programs.
- Whether any floodplain management assistance is requested.

**ASFPM**  
**GULF COAST RECOVERY**  
**MITIGATION WORKSHOP**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**



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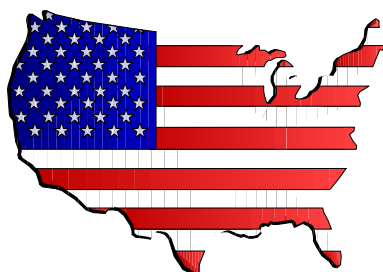
Larry Ardoin, P.E.  
LADOTD

## COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER ENTERING the COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

Once a community has submitted its CRS Application to join the CRS program they must continue to implement the credited activities, the ones indicated on the application, to keep its classification. Specifically, a community is responsible for:

- ◆ Designating someone in your department as the community's CRS Coordinator who is familiar with your agency to implement the CRS activities
- ◆ Cooperating with the ISO/CRS Specialist to prepare for the initial verification visit and any following verification visit (a verification visit is a one-on-one meeting with the ISO/CRS Specialist every 5 or 3 years, depending on your class ranking)
- ◆ Recertifying each year that you continue to implement your credited activities
- ◆ Submitting the appropriate documents with your recertification, which is due October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- ◆ Advising DHS/FEMA, ISO/CRS Specialist and the CRS Specialist in the NFIP State Coordinators Office of modifications in your activities, dropping credited activities or gaining credited activities
- ◆ Maintaining accurate and complete elevation certificates, other permit records, and old Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) forever
- ◆ Maintaining other records of credited activities for 5 years, or until the next verification visit, whichever comes sooner
- ◆ Participating in the verification meeting

Communities receive periodic updates to the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* and other CRS materials. They are encouraged to order the background publications, attend CRS workshops and ask their ISO/CRS Specialists for help in understanding the CRS credit criteria for their current and planned activities.



HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY



Public Works, Hurricane Flood Protection & Intermodal Transportation  
Federal Programs – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

As the State Coordination Office between the DHS/FEMA Regional Office and the communities of Louisiana that belong to the National Flood Insurance Program [NFIP], it is our job to provide any guidance or assistance needed to our Louisiana communities in order to assure the NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

In order to better serve you, please take a moment to tell us how we're doing and how we could improve. Thank you,

Cindy O'Neal, CFM – Sandra Batten, CFM – Pam Miller – Susan Veillon

**CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY**

Have you had contact with our office within the last 6 months? YES ☐ NO ☐  
if yes, please check one: Email ☐ Phone ☐ Meeting ☐

(please circle a number)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Staff was friendly and courteous	5	4	3	2	1
I was treated with respect	5	4	3	2	1
Staff was knowledgeable	5	4	3	2	1
My questions & concerns were addressed in a timely manner	5	4	3	2	1
The staff provided me with useful information	5	4	3	2	1
I had an overall positive experience dealing with the staff of Floodplain Management	5	4	3	2	1

How could we improve our services?

PLEASE MAIL completed survey to:  
LADOTD  
Floodplain Management  
8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807



## “ATTACHED” GARAGES . . .



are connected to the existing structure and for floodplain management purposes are treated as *enclosures below the base flood elevation (bfe)*.

New (post-FIRM) construction [*a garage attached to the main structure*] is exempt from the elevation requirement in Section 60.3(c)(3) **if it is used solely** for parking, building access, or limited storage **AND** if it meets the following requirements:

- ◆ NO machinery or equipment which services a building such as furnaces, air conditioners, heat pumps, hot water heaters, washers, dryers, elevator lift equipment, electrical junction and circuit breaker boxes, or food freezers; are permitted below the base flood elevation; and
- ◆ ALL interior wall, floor and ceiling materials located below the base flood elevation must be unfinished and resistant to flood damage; and
- ◆ The walls of any enclosed area below the base flood elevation must be constructed in a manner to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement of the structure, and
- ◆ meet the opening requirements in Section 60.3(c)(5).

## “DETACHED” GARAGES



In cases of new (post-FIRM) construction, a garage detached from an existing structure is exempt from the elevation requirement in Section 60.3(c)(3) **if it constitutes a minimal investment**, and if, at a minimum, the following conditions are met:

- ◆ use of the garage must be restricted to parking and limited storage; and 500 square feet or less;
- ◆ the garage must be unfinished and built using flood damage resistant material; and
- ◆ the garage must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral move of the structure;
- ◆ meet the opening requirements in Section 60.3(c)(5); and
- ◆ any mechanical and utility equipment in the garage must be elevated to or above the base flood elevation; and
- ◆ the garage must comply with floodway encroachment provisions in Section 60.3(c)(10) or (d)(3).

It is recommended that detached garages (and other detached accessory structures) be elevated to or above the base flood elevation in order to minimize damage to the structure, to vehicles and to other stored contents.



LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN  
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

AND

CITY OF BOSSIER CITY

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FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT  
AT THE LOCAL LEVEL  
WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

BOSSIER CITY CIVIC CENTER  
(BARKSDALE ROOM)  
620 Benton Road  
Bossier City, LA

**BRING YOUR “LOUISIANA  
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT”  
DESK REFERENCE WORKBOOK**  
**Don't Miss the 9:50 am scramble game**

*Make your own hotel reservations at*  
**Holiday Inn**  
2015 Old Minden Road  
Bossier City LA  
(318) 742-9700

**AGENDA**

- 8:30 a.m.—Coffee & Pastries  
8:45 a.m.—**Welcome** by Lo Walker  
Mayor, City of Bossier City  
8:50 a.m.—**Introduction**  
Rod Emmer, Executive Director, LFMA  
9:00 a.m.—**Are FLOODWAYS just in the way?**  
(Chapter 15)  
Ted DeBaene, CFM, Vice President,  
Owen & White Engineering, Inc.  
9:20 a.m.—**Who is the Floodplain Administrator?**  
(Chapter 18)  
Bonnie Anderson, Floodplain Administrator  
City of Carencro  
9:40 a.m.—Break  
9:50 a.m.—**Flood “Desk Reference” Scramble**  
Questions & Prizes about the Workbook  
James Demouchet, CFM, Floodplain Administrator  
Caddo Parish  
10:10 a.m.—**Flood Insurance Rate Maps** (Chapter 8)  
Don Crista, Engineering Aide  
City of Bossier City  
10:30 a.m.—**The “V” Word –**  
**Should you or Shouldn't you?** (Chapter 21)  
Michael Hunnicutt, CFM, Deputy Section Chief,  
FEMA – Hazard Mitigation Compliance  
10:50 a.m.—**Let the Hammer Fall – It's Enforcement**  
**Time** (Chapter 23)  
Pam Mattingly, CFM, Asst. Planning Director,  
Calcasieu Parish  
11:15 a.m.—Questions & Answers  
11:30 a.m.—Adjourn & Enjoy Life!

**1:00 p.m. – CFM Exam (pre-registration required)**

For more information on the topics or CFM Exam, please  
contact Bonnie Anderson at [planning@carencro.org](mailto:planning@carencro.org)  
Phone: (337) 896-7971 Fax: (337) 886-7546

**WORKSHOP**  
**FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**  
**AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007  
LOCATION: BOSSIER CITY  
CIVIC CENTER  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE FAX or MAIL THIS TO:

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY**

Don Crista

P.O. BOX 5337

BOSSIER CITY LA 71171

**(318) 741-8792 (fax)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**CFM Exam will be offered following the  
workshop at 1:00 pm at the SAME LOCATION**

Please register at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org)

click on Certification

**Deadline to register for CFM is**

**JULY 6, 2007. Walk-ins NOT accepted.**



**Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .**

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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